

## **CATEGORY 900 MATERIALS**

**900.01 GENERAL.** All materials included in this Category will be sampled, tested, and inspected as specified in the most recently published cited standards. The specification limits for each material are established and no deviation from these limits will be permitted except when, in the judgment of the Engineer, the deviation will not be detrimental to the work. In these cases, refer to the appropriate specification governing price adjustments for nonconformance.

Within 30 days after receipt of notification of award of the Contract, the Contractor shall submit in writing, to the Regional Engineer, the sources from which the Contractor proposes to obtain all materials to be incorporated into the project. All nursery stock sources shall be updated and submitted to the Regional Engineer 45 days prior to the planting season in which the planting is to begin. No material shall be introduced into the work until approval of sources has been obtained. The Administration reserves the right to completely or partially test any material for Specification compliance.

Sampling shall conform to the Administration's Sample Testing and Frequency Guide unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. All source approvals are made subject to continuing production of materials conforming to these Specifications. Material sources may be rejected where it is evident that the material tends to be of marginal quality when compared to the Specification limits in any of its specified properties.

**900.02 TECHNICIAN QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.** Technicians performing Quality Assurance/Quality Control sampling and testing on Administration projects shall be qualified through the certification program provided by the Administration. All private laboratories performing testing on Administration projects shall be in the AASHTO Accreditation Program or approved by the Administration.

Technicians include those who work for inspection agencies, Contractors, consultants, producers, private laboratories, as well as State and local government employees.

## **SECTION 901 — AGGREGATES**

**901.01** This section covers the material details, quality requirements, and test methods applicable to aggregates. Grading requirements are outlined in Tables 901 A and 901 C; physical properties in 901 B and